

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 24, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Busarow

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Call us, Holy One, to your service.

P: **Call us and we will answer.**

L: Call us, Holy One, to your service.

P: **Call us and we will follow.**

All: **Call us, Holy One, to your service.**

Call us, teach us, commission us, and send us forth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "In Christ There is No East or West" No. 439

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Summoning God, we often shut our ears to your call. We ignore your call that often invites us to meet difficult challenges. We forget your call that upsets our comfort or reveals our illusions. Forgive us our failure to respond. Open our hearts, minds, and spirits to your holy vision of the universe and make us eager to become part of that hope. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, Believe the good news of the gospel!

P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with my life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

ANTHEM *Sweet Rivers of Mercy* Curry
(Chancel Choir—Doug Day, piano)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 683) RESPONSIVE

Psalm 62:5-12

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *The Church's One Foundation* Beck

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" No. 434

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1135)

Matthew 4:12-23

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **Goin' Fishin** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" No. 525

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* Sadowski

*All who are able may stand

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by Dan and Joyce Shramo.

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